

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA SHARING BETWEEN APPLICATION PROGRAMS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Techniques for sharing data with other application programs are disclosed. The techniques allow data sharing between different application programs on a computer system. For instance, a second application program can access data
10 provided by a first application program without needing the first application program to be operating or executing on the computer system. In one embodiment, an application operates to publish its data for external use by other application programs. The data is, for example, database data maintained by the application program. The data can be published for external use by producing a data
15 communication file that contains at least a portion of the data. In one implementation, the data communication file contains the data being published for external use in a markup language representation. The techniques are particularly well suited for application programs that utilize databases to store media information pertaining to media items. The media information can include properties of the
20 media items as well as links to storage locations for corresponding media content files that store the media content. The media content is, for example, one or more of audio, images or video.